

R E M A R K S

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 16 and 17 is respectfully acknowledged. These claims have been amended to be rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of claims 1, 9 and 14 from which they formerly respectively depended. In preparing amended independent claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 16 and 17, some minor grammatical improvements have been made and some minor antecedent basis problems in the original claims have been corrected. In addition, claims 16 and 17 have been amended to recite statutory subject matter under 35 USC 101. No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 16 and 17 are now in condition for immediate allowance.

Still further, claim 7 has also been amended to be rewritten in independent form, and claim 7 has also been amended to make some minor grammatical improvements and to correct some minor antecedent basis problems. In particular, claim 7 has been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, set

forth in item 4 of the Office Action. No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised. In addition, it is respectfully pointed out that no prior art rejection was made with respect to claim 7. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 7 is also now in condition for immediate allowance.

CLAIM FEE

The application was originally filed with 18 claims of which 3 were independent. The application now contains 9 claims, of which 9 are independent. Accordingly, a claim fee in the amount of \$1200 for the addition of 6 extra independent claims is submitted herewith. In addition, authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees which may be determined to be required to Account No. 06-1378.

THE TITLE

The title has been amended to more clearly indicate the nature of the invention to which the claims are directed, as required by the Examiner.

THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to correct some minor informalities of which the undersigned has become aware. No new

matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the specification be approved and entered.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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